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Administrative Platform

Leaders in education, whether in the role of administrator, teacher, or coach must act in accordance to high standards of character/ethics and model highly ethical behaviors and values both inside and outside the school setting. Prior to establishing and fostering a culture of ethical behavior and character, one must fully understand the values that he or she believes to be pillars of their individual system of beliefs.

In order to more completely draft a vision for educational leadership, I have examined my personal values and beliefs as they relate to character, education, and society. In addition to completing a self-reflection of values and beliefs, I have attached my vision of educational leadership as it relates to the operation of a school system.

Personal Values and Beliefs:

- Modeling moral character
 - Modeling high moral character and ethical behavior is a must when one is in the spotlight of the school and community. Whether one is an administrator, teacher, coach, or driver modeling moral character and ethical behavior inside and outside of the school environment is not a luxury, it is a requirement.
- Responsibility to self and others
 - Responsibility is a characteristic that takes time and effort to learn and at times the learning experiences are filled with ups and downs. An educational leader must have a strong sense of responsibility not only to oneself, but also to the students, staff, and community as well.
- Trust
 - Along with responsibility, trust is something that is learned and earned over time. A responsible educational leader must be able to

trust the staff in which he or she works with and the staff and students must develop a sense of trust for their educational leader.

- Strong Work Ethic
 - An educational leader, leader of a business, or leader of a group must be the hardest worker within the organization. The leader must possess a work ethic that not only creates an environment centered upon a strong ethic, but also practices to promote the beliefs of work ethic through actions and modeling.
- Collaboration & Communication
 - Effective and appropriate methods of communication and collaboration are two vital characteristics that effective educational leaders must possess and model on a consistent basis.



Operating in an Ethical Manner:

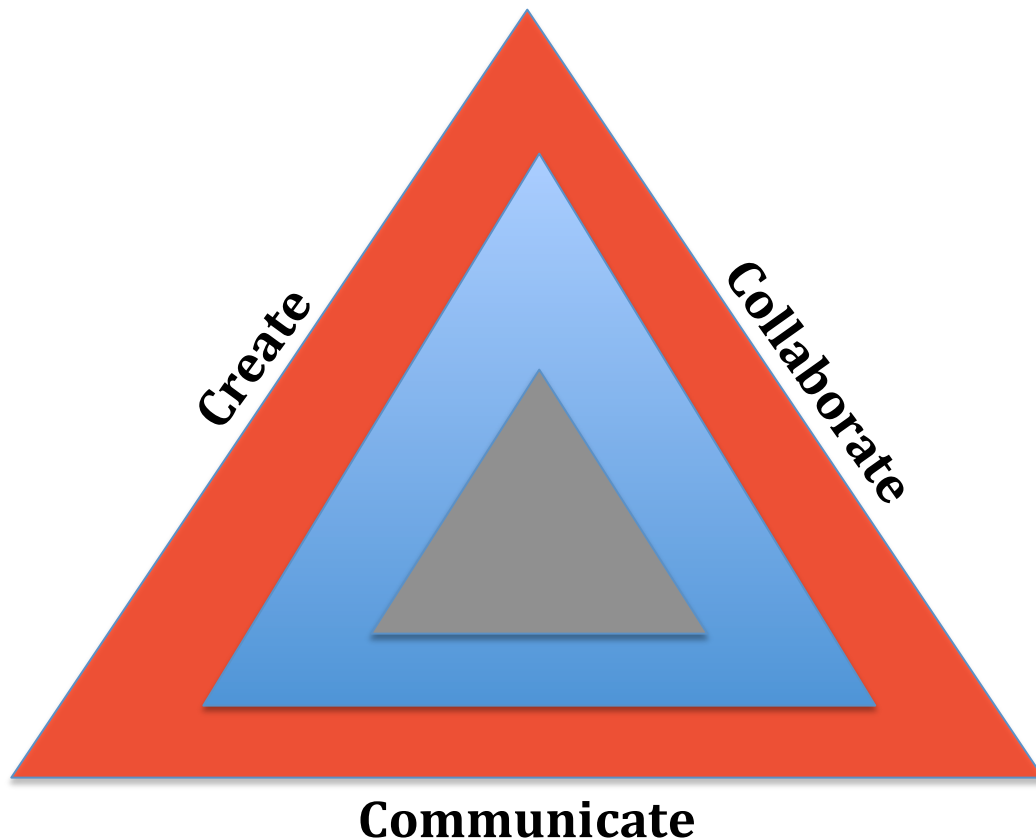
Operating and functioning in an ethical manner in a school is about building a culture of education that focuses on fostering a positive learning environment, supports student learning, and maintains high standards of instruction through the hiring and retaining of top quality people and educators.

Discussing an educational platform is an easy task, putting one into action is the difficult component tasked to the educational leader. The educational leader must empower others and allow for collaboration relating to the vision, culture, and climate of the school. When one feels that his or her voice is heard and that he or she matters, the buy-in for administratively driven projects will increase thus the chances of the desired outcome increase. Using the values and beliefs that I hold

true in both my personal and professional life, I believe that I will have the tools needed in order to operate and foster a school culture that is centered around increasing student achievement through the use of ethical decision making, providing quality instruction, and promoting a team atmosphere among students, staff, and community.

Educational Leadership

Communicate. Collaborate. Create.



Through collaboration, communication, and creativity, educational leaders will foster and promote a safe and effective teaching and learning environment focused on increasing student achievement.